

Message

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Subject: RE: Request for Comment: Pruitt on Global Warming

Dear Liz, There is a voluminous literature on the effects on humankind of warm periods compared to cool periods. However, most climate scientists seldom look at it because it doesn't fit with the claims of impending doom. I have pasted below my short quote to the Hill yesterday, a quote from a book by the archaeologist Brian Fagan, and a few references. It might also be noted that one of the IAMs used to calculate the social cost of carbon shows net benefits for the warming predicted for the next several decades. Of course, these models are highly speculative and don't meet the minimal standards required by the Information Quality Act guidelines. Yours, Myron.

I think Administrator Pruitt's comments show that he is getting up to speed on climate science. His first comment is a question that has been asked by climate realists since the beginning of the debate. The Earth's climate is still emerging from the Little Ice Age, perhaps with the help of human activity. The evidence so far is that humankind is on the whole better off with the slightly warmer temperatures compared to the widespread crop failures and big storms that were prevalent during the Little Ice Age from the fifteenth to the nineteenth centuries. Thus I think Administrator Pruitt is right to say that some more warming may be good. That doesn't mean that every place on the globe will be better off. And it's partly a matter of personal preference. Some people, like my father, prefer cold weather; while I prefer mild, fairly dry weather; others like lots of rain; and so on. As for the endangerment finding, as you know we think it will be necessary to re-open the endangerment finding, which is why CEI petitioned EPA a year ago. It seems to me that Administrator Pruitt's support for a red and blue team analysis of climate science indicates that he is open to being convinced one way or the other on the endangerment finding.

The Little Ice Age

By Brian Fagan

New York: Basic Books, 2000

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For five centuries, Europe basked in warm, settled weather, with only the occasional bitter winters, cool summers and memorable storms, like the cold year of 1258 caused by a distant volcanic eruption that cooled the atmosphere with its fine dust. Summer after summer passed with long, dreamy days, golden sunlight, and bountiful harvests. Compared with what

was to follow, these centuries were a climatic golden age. Local food shortages were not unknown, life expectancy in rural communities was short, and the routine of backbreaking labor never ended. Nevertheless, crop failures were sufficiently rare that peasant and lord alike might piously believe that God was smiling upon them.

Nothing prepared them for the catastrophe ahead. As they labored through the warm summers of the thirteenth century, temperatures were already cooling rapidly on the outer frontiers of the medieval world.

Happiness is a Warm Planet, a blog by Thomas Gale Moore, an economist at the Hoover Institution, which was based on his book published by the Hoover Press, *Global Warming: a Boon to Humans and Other Animals*

<https://www.hoover.org/research/happiness-warm-planet>

The Improving State of the World by Indur Goklany (whose day job since the 1980s has been in the policy shop at Interior), Cato, 2007

<https://store.cato.org/book/improving-state-world-why-were-living-longer-healthier-more-comfortable-lives-cleaner-planet>

The Skeptical Environmentalist by Bjorn Lomborg, Cambridge University Press, 2001

<http://www.lomborg.com/skeptical-environmentalist>

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Have fun; thank you!

On Feb 8, 2018, at 6:24 PM, Myron Ebell <[Myron.Ebell@cei.org](mailto: Myron.Ebell@cei.org)> wrote:

Sorry, Liz. I was in meetings from 1:30 till now; and now I'm off to the ATR tax cuts celebration. I have to finish a funding proposal tomorrow morning and then go give a talk to the Western Caucus, but will ask Marlo to look at this. He knows a lot more than I do anyway. Yours, Myron.

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If you all have any information here, that would be great.

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I can see that. But can you provide support for those claims I mentioned?

Best,

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Hi Vanessa –

The comments Pruitt made in Las Vegas are the exact things he has said with Reuters, CBS News and the New York Times.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-epa-pruitt-exclusive/exclusive-trumps-epa-aims-to-replace-obama-era-climate-water-regulations-in-2018-idUSKBN1EZ079>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/02/podcasts/the-daily/scott-pruitt-epa.html>

<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/scott-pruitt-talks-with-major-garrett-full-interview/>

Thank you, Liz

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Hi Liz,

I recently saw that EPA head Scott Pruitt said, “We know humans have most flourished during times of what, warming trends.”

Can you provide support for this claim?

He also said, “So I think there’s assumptions made that because the climate is warming, that that necessarily is a bad thing.”

Can you provide any evidence that it’s been or will be a good thing?

If you could get back to me as soon as you get a chance, I would greatly appreciate it.

Best,

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